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FRISCO POLICE REMIND CITIZENS ABOUT THE "TAKE ME HOME" PROGRAM

FRISCO, TX – The Frisco Police Department recently initiated a new program called "<u>Take Me Home</u>," which is aimed at assisting those individuals who cannot identify himself or herself or where they live. Unfortunately, police officers routinely encounter mental health consumers who are unable to communicate with officers about who they are, where they live, or who can help care for them. This program is designed specifically to quickly find answers for both the officer and person in need.

"Take Me Home" is a free service available to anyone in the City of Frisco. Families or individuals can fill out an online form on the police department's web site that includes a recent digital photograph of the individual, height, weight, and other identifying information, as well as emergency contacts. The information submitted to the police department is kept in a secure database that can be quickly accessed by police personnel when contact is made with people in need of help.

The Frisco Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program assisted in the implementation of the "Take Me Home" program, and is dedicated to providing a more professional and humane response to individuals in serious mental health crisis. This program has resulted in the successful enrollment of 53 members in its first year.

For more information on the "Take Me Home" program or to fill out an online form for you or a family member, visit www.FriscoTexas.gov/TakeMeHome or email TakeMeHome@FriscoTexas.gov.

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